

About Metro West Kids Foundation

Metro West Kids Foundation (MWKF) was established in 2008 and supports Iowa children and families impacted by social, academic and mental health challenges, including those on the Autism Spectrum, by:

- Providing opportunities for parent and student training to increase positive outcomes at home, school and in the community
- Creating links to qualified professionals within the community
- Providing funding opportunities for therapeutic, social and academic needs

Financial Assistance (Scholarships)

Metro West Kids Foundation provides both student and family financial assistance.

Funding Limitations

Metro West Kids Foundation may receive many more requests than it can support, therefore we will not fund:

- Organizations that are not tax-exempt under paragraph 501(c) (3) of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code
- Fundraising events such as walk-a-thons or telethons, or sponsorships
- Athletic events or teams, bands and choirs (including equipment and uniforms)
- Debt reduction or retirement campaigns
- Research
- Public or private primary or secondary schools
- Requests to support travel
- Groups or organizations that will re-grant the Foundation's gifts to other organizations or individuals (except United Way)
- Endowment campaigns
- Veterans, labor, religious or fraternal groups (except when these groups provide needed services to the community-at-large)
- Religious organizations
- Lobbying activities
- Children over the age of 18
- Financial need may be used as a factor for awarding scholarships.

Financial assistance/scholarships will be offered twice each calendar year; September 1 and March 1 in an amount not to exceed \$300.00. Scholarship recipients may be funded one time per calendar year only.

Funding Guidelines

Metro West Kids Foundation provides funding to children, families and local organizations that will impact lives and support positive outcomes for children and their families at critical moments. In order of emphasis, we support efforts that:

- Help families learn critical skills to better manage their child's challenging behavior at home, school and in the community
- Help create links to qualified professionals and funding for those services
- Support academic and social needs of children

MWK Foundation requires each scholarship recipient to present to the board of directors a brief overview of how their scholarship money was used; what skills were acquired; how will the skills learned impact their child and family; how will the new skills benefit the child at school and in the community. Scholarship recipients may be asked to share information with parent groups and teachers as deemed appropriate by the board of directors.

Geographic Focus

The Foundation's highest priority is to support children and families in the greater Des Moines Metropolitan area, but will support individuals and families outside this geographical area as long as they reside in the state of Iowa.

How to Apply for Funding

The Metro West Kids Foundation will accept online applications as well as by mail and fax. The online application is the preferred method for submitting your proposal. Before submitting an application, please review the [Metro West Kids Foundation's Funding Guidelines](#) and [Funding Limitations](#) above to assess whether your child or family fit within our guidelines.

Completed online applications must be received by the Metro West Kids Foundation no later than September 1 or March 1, to be considered for the current funding cycle. Paper applications must be postmarked no later than September 1 or March 1. Recipients of scholarships will be notified by October 15 or April 15 via email or US Postal Service.

Metro West Kids Foundation Application Form

Name:

Date of Request:

Street Address:

Amount Requested:
(Not to exceed \$300.00/year)

City: State: Zip Code:

Phone:

E-Mail:

Funding Description: (Please attach a copy of conference registration)

Describe the Nature and Scope of the Request:

Important Notice

- 1) Scholarship recipients will need a signed statement from the professional from whom they received services or from the conference coordinator or speaker of the conference they chose to attend. This statement will be mailed to the Metro West Kids Foundation Board **7 business days** after completing the activity or conference.
- 2) Scholarship recipients understand grant funds are to be used for their intended purpose as outlined in the application. If the scholarship money cannot be used for the intended purpose recipients will inform the board so the funds may be disbursed to another individual or family.
- 3) Scholarship recipients will provide to the Board orally or in writing a brief (one page) overview of how the scholarship money was used and what skills were learned or developed to benefit the family or child at home, school or in the community. Scholarship recipients may be asked to share their experience with other families as appropriate.

Signed _____ Date _____

Please make a copy of your application for your service provider or conference coordinator/speaker to sign.

Signature _____

City & State _____

Date (s) of service or conference date _____

For Board Use Only

Request Approved _____

Request Not Approved _____

Amount _____

Comments: